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## PROGRESS OF SANITATION

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

progress of world-wide sanitation. This convention represents practically every republic, reat and small, on the Western temisphere. It meets by the authority of the countries which will be represented, and will frame resolutions tending to promote international sanitary conditions.

Almost simultaneously with the City of Mexico meeting there will be held one similar to it in Rome. That convention the Eastern hemisphere. The organization which meets there has established an international sanitary bureau in Paris, just as the one which meets in the City of Mexico has established one in Washington, with Surg. Gen. Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, at its head. There is to be practical co-operation between the bureau in Paris and the one in Washington. This co-operation means that the whole civilized world is to become a sanitary unit, each country striving to protect its neighbors, as well as itself, from epidemics.

The day was when there was little or no reason for international sanitary world-wandering, and cholera, bubonic plague, yellow fever, and a dozen other contagious and fatal diseases could start from one little port and spread their infec tion breadcast through the world. It has only been a quarter of a century since a new order of things was set up. Nations began to feel that their own safety from pestillence lay along the lines of interna-tional co-operation. American govern-ments began to co-operate in an effort to keep any epidemic from spreading out of the country where it originated. ropean governments did the same. Now the international sanitary bureaus at Paris and Washington will unite hands of science across the seas and join the Eastern and the Western world in on grand effort to exterminate everywhere those pestilential diseases that have long

immigrants having contagious diseases love. or suspected of having them, from starting for America. How far this activity is carried and how thorough it is, is shown by the reports of some of the surgeons who have charge of this work. aliens who wanted to come to the United States as steerage passengers. Of these only 10,134 passed muster sufficiently free from loathsome and dangerous diseases. From Italy there were more than

The science of sanitation has been reduced to the point where it can assure practical freedom from contagious distrue saying-that cleanliness is next to godliness. As men, municipalities, and nations have observed the laws of sanitation, they have seen the span of life lengthened and the death rate decreased. New York in 1875 had a death rate of about 29 per 1,000 during a year. To-day it has a death rate of about 18 per 1,000, and no one who has traveled through the East Side will claim that the laws of sanitation have all been complied with even now. In London two centuries ago one person out of every twelve died during the year. In 1835 the rate was 29 per 1,000 and to-day it is down to 18 per 1,000. Statistics show that in some of the leading cities of the world nearly six years had been added to the length of the average human life in less than a century.

Europe is said to be ahead of America in the sanitation of her cities. There has been great success in the purification of streams, and greater advances have been made in tenement house reforms. Typhus fever, once so deadly a scourge, has been practically eliminated in Great Britain. In Germany smallpox and typhoid fever have almost been stamped out. During the whole of last year there were but twenty-six cases of smallpox in the entire German Empire, and only five of these cases were fatal. There were 10,554 cases in the United States during the same period. In Italy the government has waged a vigorous campaign for the eradication of malaria, Malarial marshes have been drained and knowledge has been diffused regarding the use of quinine and mechanical protection against mosquitoes. The deaths from malaria have been reduced from 15,147 in 1890 to 7.753 in the past year. In the Western World, Mexico has made such wonderful progress in sanitation that she now stands in this respect among the foremost nations of the earth. Brazil is awakening fully to the possibilities of eradicating epidemic diseases, and Rio de Janeiro is now among the leading sanitary cities of the world.

The discovery and general acceptance of the germ theory of disease about 1889 has been one of the greatest of boons to mankind. It has given to sanitary science a basis upon which to work. Prior to that time scientists had a general idea that uncleanliness was largely responsible for epidemics, but when it came down to malaria, yellow fever, and such diseases, they were at a loss to account for outbreaks: Now it is different. Every time an epidemic breaks out it can be promptly traced to the cause. cities some years ago had bad epidemics of typhoid fever. The imperial health board issued an edict against the use of and the death rate in German cities from

The meeting of the third international typhoid and other water-borne disease sanitaly convention in the City of Mex- is now only one-third as high as in the ico this week marks another step in the best American cities, and only one-fifth as much as the rate in other cities in this country.

The most baffling of all the contagious diseases which sanitary science had to combat was yellow fever. The fact that it could not be contracted directly put sanitarians at a loss as to how to proceed. The further fact that the yellow fever mosquito does not breed in filth and foul water, but flourishes mainly in clear water, made it impossible to reach will consider international sanitation in through the methods of sanitation hitherto employed. It was through the painstaking work of Dr. Walter Reed and his tively destroy malaria and yellow fever. associates in Cuba that the mosquito theory was firmly established, though medical men had previously surmised that tively few cities had adequate sewerage this might be the cause.

The story of the risks they ran, the nardships they endured, and the dangers they encountered constitutes one of the most thrilling stories of consecration to the cause of science the world has ever known. The doctors were seconded in their efforts by American and Spanish water from sources where the possibili olunteers, who were ready to give their lives in the cause. They slept with pano reason for international sanitary agreements, for intercourse between nations was limited. Then came the days of to attack them. Then, when it was finally proved beyond. proved, beyond a doubt, that yellow fever could not be taken by contact, volunteers

infected mosquito. In every instance they took the fever. The theory was demonstrated conclusively, and Havana, form-erly a pest-ridden city, is now a daily proof of the theory these people risked so

The New Orleans epidemic affords another proof of its correctness. Everywhere, yellow fever, which in times past was second only to cholera in the annual crop of death it harvested, has be ome a disease easily controlled. The only thing that is yet a mystery about it is that its germ has not yet been found. The yellow fever mosquito has been frequently found in baptismal fonts and in the holy water of the Catholi During the past century, 1800-1900, there were 500,000 cases of yellow fever in the United States, and of these 100,000 were fatal. The cost of the Southern epidemic was over \$19,000,000.

The United States owes much to the cience of sanitation. The building of the Panama Canal would probably have proved as hopeless a task for her as it did or the French company had it not been The awakening that has taken place since 1880 is wonderful. At that time comparasystems, and most of them were supplied with river water for drinking purposes One case of typhoid a hundred miles away could send its infection through the waters to a whole city. Filtration and other sources of water supply were then resorted to. Now the United States has some 250 filtration plants, and hundreds of cities and towns now receive their ties of infection are next to nothing. In no way has the world made greater progress in a quarter of a century than in the care of the public health.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

The stery open at the heast of Josés Roser, of this freside. Dick delighted greatly of his freside. Dick delighted greatly about a fresident greatly and him of a lace's daughter of miles and in the hump of the many of Jacob's daughter. Vis. as the food of the hump on the mat from far off.

It was a sharp, clean, windless day, with the ash trees cricking away merrity with the ash trees cricking away merrity with the ash trees are simply the result of unhy-greatly and the policy of the hump Synopsis of Previous Chapters,

reported to the various governments participating in them. These governments have in turn made these plans the subjects of treaties.

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But here, in the little coftage, warm But here, in the little coltage, warm fire-light in early November was a thing the Carron Pit. He found the door shut, Gregson appeared. Yokohama, Japan, there were 26,760 to remember and to be thankful for, ens who wanted to come to the United ates as steerage passengers. Of these ly 16,134 passed muster sufficiently at from loathsome and dangerous dissections. From Italy there were more than ses. This to see Mr. Romer, and contains the Carron Pit. He found the door shut, but a clear, red fire was winking encouragingly through the window lattices. This told him that the nest had not long been deserted. His foot on the mat at sleeves rolled up, and on the flushed see. What name shall see. What name shall sonal appearance, for it is distinctly 15,000 would-be immigrants rejected at cheeks of little Miss Nunsby, who pres-Naples, Messina, and Palermo. But, ently would be running to and fro about thorough as the inspection may be at the fireplace ranging and testing the gridforeign ports, many fail to pass muster die cakes. A long woodland gap permitted have seen them miles away. There renearly fell over backward. He knew Vida womankind and regard it as an affront when they arrive at American ports, and thousands are annually returned. Out of the \$35,000 landing at Ellis Island last year, there were 7.587 found unfit to warm smell of the baking, the good dust of the farina in the air, the girl's round, quick-moving arms and rapid changes of position, the "thump-thump" of the rolling-pin on the wooden bake-board, and spoke to him of ancient things-older than his wife possible. Should be there—he would see. He leaped on his cycle and for which apparently was sworn circulation—a cir to him of ancient things-older would see. He leaped on his cycle and for his betters. ease if the simple laws of sanitation and than his wife, perhaps; speaking of his hygiene are followed. The basic principle youth, of his mother or grandmother. hygiene are followed. The basic principle may be expressed in the old saying—and his mind the desire to grow richer and his mind the desire to grow richer and ever richer, and the thought of calling in Miss Georgiana Bunny to sit at the head of his table at Gorm Castle vanished like a cloud-shadow off a hill.

He found little to say, and when he was gone Rose Nunsby said to her friend with a smile, "I know somebody who may be mistress of Gorm Castle one Vida looked at her friend for one long

noment, a horrible suspicion crossing her mind that, perhaps after all, Rose spoke the truth. Then, gripping her friend by the wrist, she said fiercely, "I am going myself to Gorm Castle to-morrow-will you come with me? I have something to say to—to my father!"
"Gracious!" said Rose with her nose in the air, "isn't it usual to let the man make up his own mind?"

"I am his daughter!" said Vida trag-

Rose, nothing astonished, stepped back and regarded the girl.
"He will make the third," she said calmly. "Billy Bryan, old Dick, and now Mr. Jacob Romer. I wonder which third of you he will take. Certainly I will come and see. I don't think father will actually kill Leeby Callum for another

But Vida, deep in the terror of a thought, did not even listen. She was imperiling her home and Dick's-yet it must be. She had no right to let things drift. She must go to Gorm Castle to-

The next afternoon, at three o'clock precisely, the two girls locked the outer door behind them. Vida took the exceedingly cunning and never-before-thought-of plan of hiding the key under the mat, so that Dick Finnan, if he



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only she could have known what it was to be altogether well for twenty-four hours, Rose was sure that she would have been a different girl. Different-certainly. Better-hardly.

overhead, letting go all sail, and the big. broad leaves balancing noiselessly down till they formed a sort of most down till the matter of dressing, it should be a woman's pleasure to cater to the taste of the man who pays the bills and who must see a woman's pleasure to cater to the

machine with an unoccupied hand, and fitting shirt waist lies with every woman appeared utterly oblivious. They were at There are negligees that are very fetchslightly that it could hardly have been noticed by another. Only just enough to the Castle perch. Vida was pulling the ing, but they are not practical, save in "cenechal" handle. hxurious homes where money is abunlert, springy tread of her companion. which, in turn, pressed an electric bell dant, and they, as you know, are in the Hardly had they rounded the corner of Romer, who found joy in bullying his the avenue, walking on a perfect couch of pine needles, feet-thick, which Mr. Ro- the impression that the chance of his life mer would not allow to be disturbed, had come to him in the building of Gorm than I iil Calmont was at the cottage door. Castle. Within two weeks Mr. Romer had

In that case he would have met them. Neither up toward the hills. He would

"Miss Romer!"

The accurately black-and-white Gregson "visiting," which apparently was

TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW.

#### FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

There are men who detest the sight of a woman in a dressing sack-that is, outside of her room. I fancy they realize that there are places for such garments, Phil first saw them a long way ahead, but they do not like them at the breakbut the swift wheels shod with air, even fast table. I am told this by a few sensi an such an unconventional track, soon ble wives and daughters, who have take aught the girls up. Rose stared as Phil plain-spoken objections in a nice way lighted down. Vida hardly appeared to and adopted a natty morning costum notice him. All her thoughts were on that meets with the approval of the mer

It certainly is only right to regard the demanded tauntingly. "Old man asked It certainly is only right to regard the you to afternoon tea-had a lounge in the wishes of good husbands and kind fathers, unless they are beyond all rea-But Phil looked anxiously at Vida. He son. In the matter of dressing, it should who must see more of the garments than He indicated the direction of the castle, a critical public possibly could do. A man's taste is generally good, and it is ately sets to work to make frights of the feminine members of his family-in which case, my sisters, rebel with all you

There is nothing so pretty for mornin wear as the simple two-piece dress o Presently Vida took notice of his pres- percale, linen, or chambray. White is 'I don't want you, Phil," she said, a woman has household duties to per dainty, but extravagant, particularly if "I know," said Phil modestly; "all the form. Dark cloth is economical, but not ame you may need me, and besides—" particularly attractive, and the shirt "Besides what?" Vida demanded fiercely. waist with a worsted skirt is neat and serviceable. We have to consider our Vida looked him up and down keenly, surroundings a whole lot, but the choice but he was pinching the front tire of his between a dressing sack and a neatly-

We of humbler life may sigh for the fripperies of swelldom, but we could not afford to keep delicate lace and rich furs in order, even if we could solve the probkey, certainly. They had not gone to the But—but I shall see. What name shall sonal appearance, for it is distinctly Pits to meet Dick, nor yet to the village. I say, miss?"

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